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Austrian Philatelic Literature Pleases The Connoisseur

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Much has been written about the various fields of Austrian philately, and the specialist can learn a great deal which is not in the standard catalogs if he is willing to dig into the literature. Admittedly, much of it is written in German and thus is not as accessible as it might be, but the books generally contain many lists, charts, and illustrations which anyone can understand. This listing which follows gives the most recent reference work on each of a number of subjects. "A" indicates that the book is, as far as the author knows, still in print and available from the publisher; "E" and "G" denote English and German, respectively. Each title is, for reader understanding, given in English, regardless of the original language. Where more than one book covers the subject, only the latest one is given.

Postage Stamps, General. Edwin Mueller, the Postage Stamps of Austria, Vienna, 1927 (G.)

Special Issues, 1850. H. Kolbe, Types and Plate of the 1850 issue. Vienna 19, Grinzingstrasse 32. 1952 (G.A.) A series of enlarged detailed photographs.

Airmail. Austria Philatelist. History of Austrian Airmail. Vienna, 1952. Supplement 1953. Vienna 71, Austria. (G.A.) A detailed listing and pricing of stamps, covers, flights, balloon mail, etc.

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Cancellations, Prephilatelic. Edwin Mueller, the Pre-Stamp Postmarks of Austria. 522 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, N. Y. (E. A.) A delightful brochure describing the pre-philatelic history and markings of the Austrian Empire. New York, 1950.

Cancellations, 1850-1863 Issues. Edwin Mueller. Handbook of the cancellations of Old Austria and Lombardy-Venetia. Vienna, 1925; Supplement 1934. (G.)

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Postage Meters. Rudolf Mays and Otto Krause. Catalog of the Commercial Meters in Austria, Vienna, 1954. (G.A.) A complete listing of the various machines and the individual users.

Cancellations of the German Occupation. August Streichsbier. The Special Cancellations 1938-1945 in Austrian Territory. Vienna, 8, Feldgasse 14/111/34, 1952. (G.A.)

Danube Steam Navigation Company. E. F. Hurt and D. Kelly. American Philatelic Society, Box 800, State College, Pa. (E.A.) A treatise on the stamps and postal history of this private steamship company.

Catalogs. There are a number of priced catalogs which list Austria in considerable detail. Among these are: Edwin Mueller, Specialized Catalog of Austria, 1850-1918. New York, 1952 (G and E simultaneously, A), and Billig's Philatelic Handbook, vol. 1, 1942, 1945. (E.A.)

Bosnia. Die Postwertzeichen von Bosnien und der Herzegowina, Prag, 1930 and Priručnik Maraka Jugoslavija Zemalja, Volume 1, Bosnia and Herzegovina 1878-1918. Zagreb. (G.)

Special Postmarks Are Made Available

A couple of slogans and a special postmark from a temporary postal station have been announced as available to collectors by the Post Office Department. The station will be located in the Tuller Hotel in Detroit, Mich. for the duration of the American Stamp Dealers' Assn. "Great Lakes Stamp Show", September 28 and 29.

Impressions of the postmark can be gotten on addressed postal cards (2c), and addressed, stamped envelopes (3c surface mail, 6c airmail) which contain a stuffer. The flaps should be turned in or sealed. Send these to the Postmaster, Detroit, Mich. with a request for the cancellation at the ASDA Show in the Tuller Hotel. At Mohnnton, Pa. the slogan proclaims a post office anniversary. It will remain in use till December 31.

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Reminiscent of wallpaper or linoleum patterns is the common design of the three commems Free China issued on August 11 for the world-wide Boy Scout celebrations this year. Denominations and colors are 40c magenta, \$1 green and \$1.60 blue.



China sent a delegation of her Scouts to England for the World Jamboree of Scouting at Sutton Park, Warwickshire, August 1 to 12. It was the badge of this event that the Postal Administration chose to use for a background pattern. Superimposed is the badge of the Chinese Boy Scouts near the right center of the design, while to the left are the usual postal and commemorative inscriptions.

The Directorate General of Posts advises that there were two million copies of the low value and half a million of the other two. Printing was at the China Engraving and Printing Works from engraved plates in sheets of 100.

Liang Li-yu is credited with the design — the engraving was performed by Pao Liang-yu.

Netherlands Antilles Football Games Set

Sports on Stamps topicalists with their purchases of recent semi-postals issued by the Netherlands Antilles helped to finance a football tournament. The event was the 8th Central America and Caribbean Area Football Championships. Ten nations sent teams to Aruba, N.A. for the games.

Athletes engaged in soccer-type football are to be seen in three of the designs. The fourth displays a map of the Central American-Caribbean area.

On the 6c plus 2½c orange a player is in the act of kicking the ball; the map is on the 7½c plus 5c red; on the 15c plus 5c green a player is advancing the ball with his hands; a mauve 22c plus 7½c depicts three players going for a loose ball.

According to Charles A. Weeks of Aruba, N.A. the day of issue was July 6. A special postmark was used by the postal authorities on first day covers.

HPO Exhibit Booked, New Route On Way

Post Office Department announcements relayed by Virgil J. Geary, Dayton, Ohio state that the Department will operate an HPO exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, Columbus, Ohio, for eight days through August 30. Send covers to Edward Cain, District Transportation Manager, Post Office Bldg., Columbus, Ohio, for the cachet available.

A new HPO route will be established September 14 between Kingston and Greensboro, both in North Carolina. For this event send covers to the respective postmasters before September 12.

Covers must be addressed and franked with first-class (3c) postage; a filler or stuffer should be enclosed and flaps should be tucked in or sealed.

This new route will replace GOLDSBORO & GREENSBORO RPO. For last trips of this RPO and probably for provisional cancellations on the new HPO, send covers to G. D. Martin, District Transportation Manager, District 5, Greensboro, N. C.

Peoria Club Keeps Dr. Sneller At Helm

The election report just received from the Peoria Philatelic Society shows that the group reelected C. D. Sneller, M. D., president, with Harold P. Lizer vice president, and Gladys Moon secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Sneller is also editor of the club's monthly bulletin, and LINN'S suggests to club editors who find themselves at a loss for ideas for their sheets that a request to Dr. Sneller for a sample copy or two will provide fresh and excellent ideas. Address him in care of the club which meets on first and third Fridays at Cilco Hall, 320 S. Jefferson St.

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As announced last week, I have just returned home from a trip up north to attend the annual meeting of our Board of Directors. Following this meet I took the opportunity to go to Cleveland, Ohio with the intention of attending the meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club on the 19th July. This is the first G-P met I have been to in about four or five years and most of those present were strangers to me. The older members whom I have known for the past 10 to 25 years are fast fading out, yet the club seems to be active and proceeding in a splendid manner.

When I left Sidney I did not leave any forwarding address as I did not want to be bothered with mail while on this vacation trip. Incidentally, it was a trip of three weeks, the first such lengthy vacation that I have had since my trip to Hawaii in 1951. From Cleveland we went to Buffalo, then to Rochester and then to New York where we stopped overnight and took the train home the next day. Both Mrs. Linn and myself were very happy when we got back home and could slow down and get some rest.

Arriving home I found a lot of mail which I have been answering this past week. Among the letters was one from the Rochester Philatelic Society with an invitation to meet some of the members. This letter just missed me at Sidney and was forwarded to Howey so there was no opportunity to accept the invitation.

What I wanted to say under the heading about Better Service For Our Readers, was that any and all mail containing news matter of any nature or which contains complaints of any nature should be sent to our office in Sidney, Ohio. Mr Rueth handles all of the news matter that goes into this paper. Here in Howey I write only the editorials and from time to time some article on stamps. All of the other matter is handled and passed on by Mr. Rueth. If sent to me I can only forward it to Sidney which invariably makes a delay of one week and then it is handled there. Also in the matter of complaints. All business with all advertisers is through our Sidney office. I have no information or contacts with these matters here in Howey so I can not take proper action. Thus all of these matters must go through our office in Sidney and only in this manner can you get prompt and proper attention.

However I am always glad to hear from any reader and will always try to reply with the best information or advice that I can offer where such is solicited.

Using Commemoratives On Your Mail

I referred to this matter some few weeks ago and sure enough I have a couple letters from collectors who have had parcels from our office in Sidney which contained high value stamps rather than a flock of commemoratives. For instance one parcel with a 50c Prexy and a new 4c Lincoln. Then there was another parcel that had over a dollar postage and these were high value Prexies. I can only say that our office receives many dollars in remittances from collectors and dealers, which come to us in the form of high value postage stamps. We have no way of disposing of these stamps other than to use them on mail. We could discount them at from 3% to 8% and take a big loss on them, but that would be poor business. Naturally if a postage amount is in high value we try to use up these high value stamps. If we can have cash remittances instead of postage we will endeavor to get the best possible stamps to use on our mail. I do know that we use several thousand commemoratives stamps every month on our mail. Most all small parcels go with commems.

One dealer writes that the reason so many meters come on dealers mail is that the dealers take their parcels to the post office and put them thru the Parcel Post window and pay the postage there. In these cases the majority of offices use a meter strip. We do not do this. We weigh our own parcels, compute the postage on them and put on in stamps and then send them to the post office by truck. Only occasionally may we put one through the Parcel Post window and get a meter strip on it.

That Stamp Problem Again

We are still getting letters from collectors who insist they had the right answer and we of course agree with them for any answer that will work out correctly is a right answer. Perhaps we should have been a bit more careful in stating the problem and made the rules such that the number of correct answers would be cut down considerably. If we had stated that none of the men who sold stamps received as much as one dollar for all he sold, the probability of many different answers would have been greatly reduced. However the main point is that a prize was offered to each of the first persons from each state, who would supply a correct answer. We accepted as correct, any answer that proved to be correct and sent the cards awarding winners a 30 word classified ad. If you did not get such a card you will understand that someone else in your state beat you to the answer and that is all there is about it.

Let's Help The Veterans

On my return home I found awaiting me exactly ten letters from offices of the Veterans Administration in all parts of the country. These were all letters of thanks and appreciation for stamps that I had first sent to Mr. George Silberberg, Philatelic Hobbies for the Wounded, 2122 Wallace Avenue, New York 62, N. Y. I sent Mr. Silberberg a large box of stamps for the Veterans. He in turn broke these up into many smaller lots and sent them to the various Veterans Hospitals. I believe that many of our readers had also sent Mr. Silberberg some Philatelic material and that this was also distributed. Anyhow the various letters indicate this and thank both myself and our readers for material received. The letters clearly indicate that stamps and stamp supplies are very welcome at these hospitals and that they are doing much good for the boys and that they are greatly appreciated. I am sure that there are many collectors who can help in sending such material and it is quite easy to ship it all in one box to Mr. Silberberg and let him split it up among hospitals all over the country. So dig into what you have kicking around and let the boys have it to work over.

New Mexican Set Of Picture Postal Cards

Mexico is a nation which issues picture postal cards on which stamps are impressed for postage prepayment. In late July, on an unknown date, the Postal Adminis-

tration released a set of ten all of which have different colored views. According to Francis J. Cronan of Mexico City these are sold at the post offices at 65c each set. The stamp is the 15c Benito Juarez similar to the designs of the regular series.

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Air Force First Day Figures, Other Data

Figures released by the Post Office Department show that the 6c Air Force commemorative stamp of August 1 received an excellent welcome from collectors. First Day covers totaled 356,683; 445,340 of the stamps were sold. Total sales on the first day were \$26,720.40.

The stamp was designed by Alexander Nagy, Jr. and modeled by Victor S. McCloskey, Jr. The vignette was engraved by Arthur W. Dintaman; the lettering and numeral by George A. Payne.

The Magsaysay stamp was designed by Arnold Copeland, the illustrative work was done by Ervne Metzl, and production was supervised by William H. Buckley. All three are New Yorkers and members of the Stamp Advisory Committee.

The portrait of Magsaysay, the torch and the red stripe of the ribbon were engraved by Charles A. Brooks, the spray of leaves by Richard M. Bower, the lettering by George L. Huber, and the blue stripe of the ribbon and the "8c" by John S. Edmondson.

The Department announced also that the 3c Armed Forces Reserve and the 3c Andrew Mellon commemoratives were removed from sale by the Philatelic Agency at the close of business July 31.

Tennessee Cachet Has Striking Design

The 52nd annual Tennessee State Fair to be held in Nashville the week of September 16-21 will again be accorded philatelic recognition. An appropriate cacheted envelope is being offered at 10c each or 3 for 25c. The design is a development of the United States shield with the upper area in blue and the stripes in red.



Covers may be ordered from Kenneth Hinson, 1410 E. Douglas Ave., Nashville 6, Tenn. who, incidentally, designed the cachet.

Lansdowne, Pa. Club Reelects Full Slate

All officers of the Lansdowne, Pa. Stamp Club in the past year were recently reelected for the year starting July 1. They are: Werner Ruthenburg, president; Newton Landis, vice president; Luther Pfister, secretary and Ted Saulnier, treasurer.

Meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month at Lansdowne Friends School, 110 No. Lansdowne Ave., Lansdowne, Pa.

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The next "Hubbard Revenue Handbook" to be released by the Society will cover most 20th Century Philippine Revenue Stamps, along with their approximate market value.

The two handbooks and a list of over 300 collectors of State Revenues are available from the SRS at Box 278, Northridge, Cal., at \$3 each. The price of the list of collectors includes a year's membership in the Society, and the quarterly organ "The State Revenue Journal".

He was a member of many prominent philatelic organizations and historical societies, and contributed much by his research of early postal history.

1957 STAMP PROGRAM

Aug. 31 — Magsaysay 8c, Washington, D. C. (48 per pane, 40 million).

Sept. 3 — Special Delivery 30c, Indianapolis, Ind. (50 per pane; covers require 3c or 6c postage in addition to new stamp).

Sept. 6 — Lafayette Birth Bicentennial, Fayetteville, N. C.; Easton, Pa., and Louisville, Ky. (50 per pane, 100 million).

Wildlife Conservation (details not announced).

ALREADY ISSUED

1086 — Hamilton 3c, New York, N. Y. January 11.

1087 — Polio 3, Washington, D. C. January 15.

1088 — C & GS 3c, Seattle, Wash., February 11.

1089 — Architects 3c, New York, N. Y. February 23.

1090 — Steel 3c, New York, N. Y. May 22.

1091 — Jamestown 3c, Norfolk, Va., June 10.

1092 — Oklahoma 3c, Oklahoma City, Okla., June 14.

1093 — Teachers 3c, Philadelphia, Pa., July 1.

1094 — U. S. Flag 4c, Washington, D. C., July 4.

1095 — Shipbuilding 3c, Bath, Me., August 15.

C49 — Air Force 6c, Washington, D. C., August 1.

CANADA

Sept. 5—Mining 5c (See Linn's of July 29 for FDC details).

UNITED NATIONS

Oct. 24—3c and 8c UN Day.

Dec. 10 — 3c and 8c Human Rights Day.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors can send a reasonable quantity each with a name and address, and enclosing a sticker to the Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD Service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For UN and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

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You will have to remember that your first day covers of the new 30c Special Delivery coming September 3 at Indianapolis, Ind. are going to take at least another stamp — a 3c for surface mail, or 6c for airmail. That's because the special delivery pays only for the extra service accorded your message. It takes the others to actually prepay the postage fee.

It will be up to you to choose the 3c or 6c stamp to be affixed to the envelopes before you send them away for the first day service. You might choose an appropriate commem with a transportation theme such as the AAA, B & O or Trucking — or the Indiana would be quite desirable since the first day is in that state — or the recently issued 4c Flag.

Desirable airmails, if you have some of these stashed away somewhere, would be the Eagle 6c of 1938; Wright 6c of 1949; Powered Flight 6c of 1953; 4c Eagle of 1954 (to which you will have to add another 2c worth).

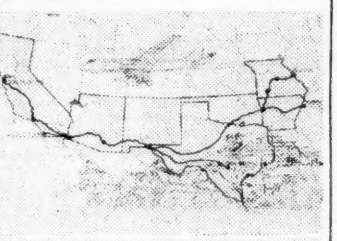
I would suggest that you leave sufficient space in the upper right hand corner of your envelope for the new 30c S.D. as that is where the post office will want to place it. Place the supplementary stamp or stamps alongside that space so that all can be postmarked with one pass through the automatic cancelling machine.

Follow these suggestions and you will help the post office employees greatly, and develop desirable covers for your collections.

1. In what year was the current 20c special delivery stamp issued?

2. In what denominations have special delivery stamps been issued?

A campaign is going on to try to interest various organizations, individuals and the Post Office Department to release a commemorative to mark the centennial of the Butterfield Overland Mail. According to the sponsoring committee, which includes members in states of the mid- and southwest, the concern was the first to render east-west mail service. That was in 1858 and the mail-carrying was by stagecoach.



U. S. POSTAGE

1857 100th ANNIVERSARY OF MAIL SERVICE 1957

As an individual I am 100% in back of such a stamp. It is the type of historical event which deserves philatelic recognition. The Post Office Department and the Stamp Advisory Committee might give this idea considerable study.

I might even go so far as to suggest they get copies of the two commemoratives Australia issued in 1955 for the Cobb & Co. anniversary, to use as models for a design. The theme would be entirely appropriate for the Butterfield — in my opinion it is a beautiful picture, probably one of the most attractive Australia has ever produced.

The sponsoring committee has prepared four designs two of which are shown here. They have been reduced to near postage stamp size from large drawings.

If the Butterfield Overland Mail commem seems desirable to you, drop a line to that effect to Rohe Walter, Special Asst. to the PMG, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D.C.

Austria is the country specialized in the current edition of Linn's. This is one of my pets chiefly because of the outstanding excellence of the designs and engraving of the issues from around 1920 on. I do not get into the early Austrians — just the 20th century commemoratives, regulars, airmails and semipostals.

If you like beautifully engraved stamps turn to Austria. The post World War II issues are quite inexpensive, and oh so pretty.

I'll have some pages from my Austrian collection in the Court of Honor at MAVEX, in the Butler Art Institute, Youngstown, Ohio

September 27 and 28. I have been invited to be a judge of the exhibition and have accepted. The show is sponsored by the Mahoning Valley Stamp Club.

Now and again someone sends an envelope or postal card on which the postmark is not normal — such as the date or time lines being inverted. Such things are not of any value.

These lines are changed by the clerks for each new day, and a number of times during the day as the clock advances hour by hour. It is quite possible that the slug inserted into the device is entered upside down and this makes the oddity until the clerk discovers it and rearranges it correctly.

Dr. Horace K. Richardson of Baltimore, Md. has sent the following information which is pertinent and of considerable historical and philatelic interest. He writes —

In the August 5 issue of your interesting stamp newspaper I note that under the description of the new stamp to be issued at Bath, Maine you state that it is to commemorate "the 350th anniversary of shipbuilding in America," as the first ship built in America.

I regret to tell you that this is in error and has been repeated in books, magazine articles, etc. for many years. As a matter of fact there were at least sixteen ships built in what is now the United States long before the VIRGINIA was launched at the Popham Colony at the mouth of the Kennebec River in 1607.

For the last five years I have been engaged in a piece of marine research on the subject of shipbuilding in the New World and in the United States. All of my statements can be verified by information in the Library of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, as well as many of the larger libraries in this country.

If you use the term, "America" as originally used to include North, Central and South America as well as the Caribbean with its numerous islands the first ship built in "America" was built in 1495 on the north shore of the Island of Haiti. After an early and disastrous hurricane sailed into the Caribbean in July of 1495 Columbus lost all of his feet except the stout little NINA. Columbus had shipwrights at Isabella on Haiti and at once began to build a replica of the NINA in which to return to Spain. This ship was successfully built and launched and was the first ship built in the New World and in America.

If the term "America" is limited to the present geographical confines of the United States the first ship built herein was constructed by De Ayllon on the River Jordan near Cape Fear in North Carolina in 1526. De Navarez built five ships in Florida in 1528. Moscoso built seven ships on the Mississippi, near the present Red River, in 1543. Barre, the Frenchman, built a ship near Beaufort, South Carolina in 1562 for the purpose of getting the members of his unsuccessful colony back to France. Ribault in 1562 also built a ship near Port Royal, Florida for the same purpose and Sir Richard Grenville built a "pinnasse" on the Island of St. John in Virginia in 1585. All of these examples of shipbuilding from 1526 to 1585 in what is now the United States antedate the building of the VIRGINIA by many years. The VIRGINIA was no

Butterfield Overland
Mail Show, Booklet

A celebration and stamp exhibition to mark the centennial of the Butterfield Overland Mail will be held September 13-15 in the cities of Atoka and Durant, Okla. The Butterfield system operated in 1858 between St. Louis, Mo. and Memphis, Tenn., and San Francisco, Calif.

During the affair, and as a means of underwriting a part of the expenses incurred, a new booklet, "Butterfield Overland Mail, One Hundred Years Ago", will be sold. This is a newly written work by Murial H. Wright, of the Oklahoma Historical Society. In it, along with much detailed information about the original undertaking, is a map of the old route. Other related illustrations are also included.

Orders for the booklet should be sent to Dr. James D. Morrison, Department of History, Southeastern State College, Durant, Okla. The price is 55c (stamps not accepted) and the item will be franked with the recent Oklahoma semi-centennial stamps and postmarked with the special centennial cancellation.

Mrs. Edwin E. Elkins
Called By Death

A well-liked and well known philatelic personality was claimed by death on August 3. She is Anna V. Elkins of Brooklyn, N. Y. Burial services were on August 7 in St. Vincent Ferrer Church with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Elkins was well known for her interest in philatelic affairs in the Brooklyn-New York City area. She attended most of the shows and other outstanding philatelic events in the company of her husband Edwin, a former president of the Collectors Club.

She held memberships in the Women's International Stamp Club and the American Topical Assn. Several topical collections of award-winning status were owned by her. She is survived by her husband Edwin, and a son, Norman G. Elkins.

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The Danube And Black Sea Railway Local Post Service Had Short Route, Short Life

Gordon S. Beach

Exactly one stamp was issued by the Danube and Black Sea Railway for use on letters carried privately over its forty-six miles of track between the Danube River town of Czernawoda and the Black Sea port of Kustendje between 1867-1871. The story of this post is interesting and to understand its significance, a consideration of the geography of Eastern Europe and the means of communications between Central Europe and the Levant during the middle of the last century is necessary.

The map of Europe differed a great deal from its present aspect. In this eastern section Serbia and Bulgaria were the kingdoms which loomed most prominently, and there was also that area to the north of Bulgaria known as the Dobruja, and the Danubian provinces (Moldavia and Wallachia), which were to become a part of Romania later.



The area near the mouth of the Danube 80-90 years ago.

But between Austria and Constantinople there were also many small semi-civilized states, and traffic by the generally poor roads was hazardous. The railways had not yet developed in the Danube basin, and thus the great river Danube was still the main highway of travel, as it had been from time immemorial. As early as 1840 the Danube Steam Navigation Co. had organized an overland freight route between Czernawoda, on the east bank where the Danube swings abruptly northward, and Kustendje on the Black Sea. This short cut had been taken principally because of an increasing interference of the Russian quarantine at Sulina and their sloth about keeping the mouth of the river clear of silt.

Up the river from Czernawoda and back down the coast to Kustendje is a distance of some 240 miles, while overland between these towns it was only 40-odd miles, although this distance was through mountainous country.

The Danube and Black Sea Railway was incorporated in 1867 by an English company, and completed by 1869. From the foregoing facts it is obvious the venture was assured of success from the start. One train was run each way daily, connecting with the Danube Steam Navigation Co. boats at Czernawoda and the Austrian Lloyd boats at Kustendje, the train journey taking about 2½ hours. Mail, passengers and freight were carried.

The local post came into being in 1867 at which time the D.B.S.R. started a mail service between the three towns along the line, Czernawoda, Medjidie and Kustendje. The D.B.S.R. stamps were applied to loose letters at one of the three towns on the railway.

Government mail bags under seal, carried by contract on the steamboat company's boats, and trans-shipped via the railway, when doing so would

save time, were not charged a postal fee. Loose letters forwarded by this short route or to the towns along the line used the stamp.



Fig. 1

Denwood Kelly, in his article in the *London Philatelist* of May, 1951 (Vol. LX, No. 698) points out that most of the covers examined by him were those bearing the D.B.S.R. stamps in combination with the stamps of the Austrian Levant or Lombardy-Venetia.

He concluded from the numbers of examples found with the Lloyd Agency markings that the Agency handled the stamps of the Railway Company as a convenience for those who wanted to use this local service, or who, because of the destination of the letters, had to use the local stamp.

It is interesting to note that the title "Local Post" is in English and also that the abbreviation D.B.S.R. which designates the company's name is also in English. The corner symbols and the value are, however, in Turkish.

Mr. Kelly, in the same article, notes a variety of printing differences. He also discusses perforation, paper, gum, post markings and the use of these stamps. There are also several plates showing covers postally used, and a bibliography of other printed matter about these stamps. Data on the reprints was published in a later copy of the *London Philatelist* (Vol. LX, June 1951, No. 703, Pages 81-86).

The perforations of these stamps are unique since they were made by a scalloped punch (Fig. 1) either before delivery to the D.B.S.R. or by the postal agents who perforated them before sale. The paper used was of a good quality and woven with an easily discernible mesh. It was colored a rather bright green, on which the design was printed in black.

Three types of postmarks on the original stamps are known. They are shown in Figs. 2, 3 and 4. Most known covers are marked with the Fig. 2 single lined circular date canceller which was the standard mark of the Austrian Lloyd Steamship Co.'s postal agency at Kustendje.

Fig. 3 was taken from a cover, in the E. F. Hurts collection. It ties a D.B.S.R. stamp to a strictly local letter from Kustendje to the station-master at Czernawoda.

This postmark is also found on Austrian Levant mail and is included in Edwin Mueller's handbook of Austrian postmarks.



Fig. 2

Fig. 4 has been recorded by several prominent collectors among whom are Denwood N. Kelly. However he felt its genuineness could not as yet be fully substantiated.



Fig. 3

Manuscript cancellations in ink are occasionally encountered.

It might give this little known adhesive a certain philatelic standing to mention that Edwin Mueller includes it on Page 140 of his *Specialized Catalogue of Austria 1850-1918*.



Fig. 4

The story of the Danube and Black Sea Railway with its wee stamp issue is a fragment from the postal history of the Danube Steam Navigation Co. which had issued its own stamps in 1866. Any one wishing information about this great river carrier and its private postal service will find research rewarding.

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70-71	1.65	4.00	12.50	6.50	3.00
72	.80	3.50	9.00	3.50	1.40
73	.50	3.50	8.50	2.60	1.10
74	.50	3.65	8.50	2.60	1.10
75-77	.35	2.45	6.00	1.75	1.15
78	.70	2.00	5.00	2.25	1.25
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100-103	.35	.70	2.50	1.50	.85
104	.15	.50	1.75	.70	.75
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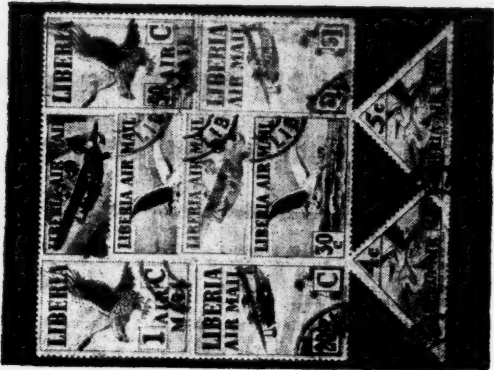
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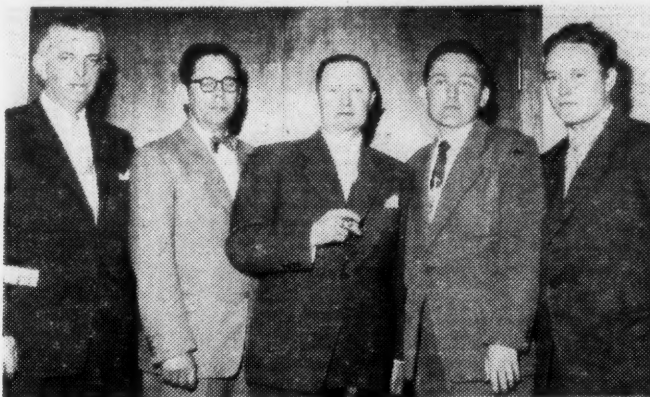
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- Bosnia Herzegovina First Issue -
The Historical Background

Fred Rafael

For some years now I have concentrated much of my philatelic activity on the stamps and history of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Bosnia (for short) has a number of very attractive stamps, interesting color and perforation varieties, and seemed like a limited field with no new issues. There are two handbooks on the subject: Adolf Passer's "Die Postwertzeichen von Bosnien und der Herzegovina", Prag 1930, and "Prirucnik Maraka Jugoslavenskih Zemalja, Volume 1, Bosnia and Herzegovina 1878-1918", Zagreb.

Passer's handbook is written in German, Prirucnik's in Croatian and German. Since I understand and speak German, there were no language difficulties for me. However, things were not quite as simple as I had imagined, mostly because I got involved in the study of the historical background.

Curious as I am by nature, I wanted to know more about the background and the reasons why certain things happened — when one deals with European history, and particularly with Austrian politics, things can get rather complicated.

On June 13, 1878 the Congress of Berlin met under the presidency of Prince Bismarck of Germany. The other powers represented were Great Britain, Austria-Hungary, Russia and Turkey. A treaty was signed July 13. Article XXV runs as follows:

"The provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be occupied and administered by Austria-Hungary. The government of Austria-Hungary, not desiring to undertake the administration of the sanjak of Novi-Bazaar . . . the Ottoman administration will continue to exercise its functions here. Nevertheless . . . Austria-Hungary reserves the right of keeping garrisons and having military and commercial roads in the whole of this part of the ancient village of Bosnia."

The Treaty of Berlin was the (temporary) end of a long development in European diplomacy, which for decades had tried successfully to avoid a general European war. The Congress of Berlin was called for the express purpose of drastically revising the Treaty of San Stefano, which on March 3, 1878 had ended the Russo-Turkish war, and which would have established Russia and Russian influence in the Balkan peninsula.

To prevent Russian domination there and to keep the straits (the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles) out of Russian hands, the European powers intervened and forced Russia to accept the Treaty of Berlin. (Circumstances have changed since then and so have some of the actors, but other powers still are keeping Russia away from the straits.)

At the Congress of Berlin Austria-Hungary could have secured approval for full annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, if she had wished, but mainly for reasons of internal politics she preferred the more provisional formula of occupation. To understand the motives and consideration which led to this decision, we will have to go back a little further in Austrian history.

How far back the problems of nationalities and languages in Austria started is a matter of opinion. You can go back to the year 1515, when Emperor Maximilian I arranged marriages between his grandchildren and the children and heirs of the king of Bohemia and Hungary, which marriages supplied the foundation for the claims of the House of Habsburg, to the thrones and crowns of Bohemia and Hungary. However, the Bohemian estates denied the validity of the Habsburg title and claimed the right to elect their king themselves, then unanimously elected Ferdinand I of Austria King of Bo-

hemia while demanding from him considerable diminutions of his sovereign rights.

The Hungarian Estates recognized no alternatives to election. The opposition elected John Zapolya, the Habsburg party, Ferdinand, who had to accept important restrictions on his sovereign rights. The diet of Croatia voted for Ferdinand, the Estates of Slavonia elected Zapolya. War broke out between the two, Zapolya appealed to the Turks for help, and Sultan Suleiman advanced and besieged Vienna in 1529.

Or perhaps you want to go back only as far as the Reformation and the Hussites, or the Counter-Reformation, the Battle at the White Mountain and the subsequent expropriation of three-quarters of the Bohemian nobility and the reduction of the Czechs to serfdom.

Time and again the centralizing tendencies had to give way to compromises with the Estates when money was needed for the conduct of wars to uphold Habsburg power in various parts of Europe, and the Estates of Bohemia and Hungary in particular were jealously guarding their privileges, and in effect, guarding their national rights.

Later the theories of "Enlightenment" and even the French revolution had little immediately noticeable influence. It took time for the ideas of "liberty" and "equality" to do more than revive the literature of nationalities in Austria. Napoleon's campaigns helped in spreading these ideas, which, though suppressed by reactionary governments, developed clandestinely during 33 years.

When revolution swept through most of Europe in 1848, unrest broke out in Budapest, Prague and Vienna. At first Hungarians and Czechs demanded their "historic rights" in addition to other reforms, but soon they went further, particularly in Hungary, where Louis Kossuth and his followers proclaimed for complete independence and a rump parliament declared the dynasty of Habsburg-Lorraine dethroned.

After suppression of the revolts by the army (in Hungary, with the help of the Russian army), almost all reforms of 1848 were abolished and an absolutistic and centralistic government was instituted that favored the Germans, the aristocracy, and particularly clerical circles. It lasted ten years.

It was Austria's unfortunate foreign policies that made domestic changes inevitable, and especially urgent after the loss of Lombardy in 1859. From this moment on, Austrian internal policies were dominated by the fights between the various nationalities. The Germans tried to maintain their power against the Hungarians, Slavs and Italians; some Hungarians wanted autonomy, others complete independence.

Some Czechs wanted the use of their language in the schools, in the courts and in all government offices in Bohemia, and the other countries of the "Bohemian Crown"; others, sought full autonomy. The Hungarians objected to autonomy for the Czechs and other Slavs, and the Czechs were against concessions to the Hungarians.

At the same time the Slovaks

and Croats protested against suppression by the Hungarians and other nationalities—Poles, Ruthenes, Slovenes and Serbs. Germans made their own demands. In addition there was the conflict between the liberals and the clerical party. In spite of many constitutional experiments, none of these conflicts was resolved until the end of World War I, except one.

After the defeat of the Austrian Army by the Prussians at Sadova (Koniggratz) in 1866, negotiations with the Hungarian moderates that had been under way for months were speeded up and the Hungarian Compromise was concluded early in 1867. This treaty established the Austro-Hungarian Empire on a dualistic basis with a remnant of unity, and with the emperor in complete control of the enemy. A Hungarian ministry, responsible to the Hungarian parliament, was appointed. The Austrian ministry was responsible to the Austrian parliament.

Austria and Hungary were united only in the person of the sovereign and in a few common institutions. These included the ministries of foreign affairs, war and finance (the last two only for affairs of common interest), and the Austrian and Hungarian delegations composed of representatives of both halves of the empire, which were to debate on common affairs in Vienna and Budapest alternately.

After the necessary laws were

passed, Francis Joseph was crowned King of Hungary. Since then the Hungarian government and institutions bore the title "Koniglich Ungarisch" or abbreviated in Hungarian language (Magyar Kiralyi), Royal Hungarian, K. Ung. As sovereign of the Austrian part of the empire Francis Joseph was emperor of Austria, King of Bohemia, etc., etc.

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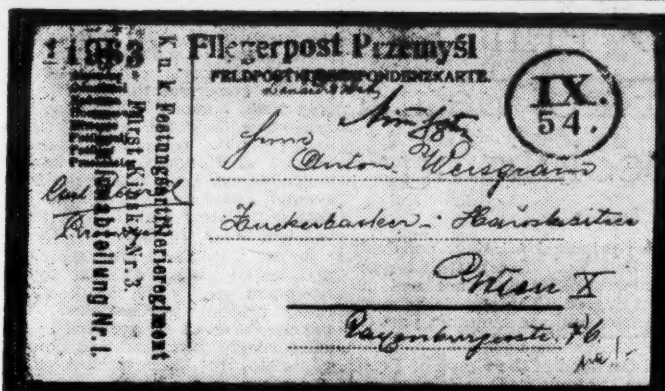
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Przemyśl Siege Marked End
Of Balloon As Mail Carrier

Bob Jones

As did many other European nations, Austria figured in the early development of the balloon and airplane, and in their use in carrying mail. But her greatest claim to honors in this field lies perhaps in a "last" rather than a "first".

For it was at the town of Przemyśl during the Russians' second siege, early in 1915, that the balloon which had figured so prominently during the Paris siege 45 years earlier, was last used as an emergency carrier of mail: Five balloons without pilots, each carrying 600 blue cards similar to the above (cacheted "Balloonpost" instead of "Fliegerpost"), were sent out January 20, 1915. Two fell into the hands of the Russians.

At least one subsequent flight was made, by airplane, as indicated by the above pink card with "Fliegerpost Przemyśl/1915" cachet and further notation "Przemysl to Kuschau". It is dated February, 7, 1915, and bears a personal message written in German.

The five flights of January 20 and the subsequent airplane trip marked the last gasp of the balloon, and the final and complete assumption of responsibility by the heavier-than-air craft, in the field of airmail transportation, save for an occasional stunt or exhibition balloon ascension.

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
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lich and Koniglich, "K.u.K." for short (imperial and royal).

This compromise remained in force to the end of the monarchy, thanks primarily to the unswerving support of the emperor. It was strongly opposed by the Slavs in Austria. The Czechs in turn opposed it because it appeared to strengthen the position of the Germans in Austria and because it definitely incorporated the related Slovaks into Hungary. In Hungary the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes had lost any chance of national autonomy, and feared loss of their old-established rights and privileges.

In 1871 the Czechs in Austria demanded a status similar to Hungary's for Bohemia, and, among other things, that Austria should be dismembered into separate States. Neither the emperor nor the Germans, nor the Hungarians were willing to accept this. The Hungarians at the same time had gotten into serious trouble with the Croats.

Under these circumstances it is understandable that neither the Austrian nor the Hungarian government was willing to agree to the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, when this was suggested at the Congress of Berlin in 1878. Each government desired not to increase the number and the power of the Slavs in its respective half of the empire.

In spite of the Hungarian compromise, major, minor, and even petty rivalries and disputes between Austrian and Hungarian authorities continued and necessitated all kinds of compromises. One of the minor ones is described in my article "Postal History of Bosnia & Herzegovina" in the February-March, 1955 issue of the BULLETIN of the AUSTRIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY. It involved the replacement of a Hungarian Fieldpost director by an Austrian.

Philatelically more important is the fact that the first Bosnian stamps, issued July 1, 1870, were printed neither by the Austrian nor the Hungarian printing offices, as the regular postage stamps were, but by the "K.u.K. Militar-geographisches Institut" in Vienna. As the title indicates this was one of the institutions of the common (K.u.K.) army, the function of which it was to prepare and print the military maps, which incidentally were excellent. These maps were lithographed, and so were the stamps of the first issue (until 1895).

The design showed the Austrian coat-of-arms and the denomination whatsoever. Here again the language problems of Austria-Hungary played their part. The stamps were issued primarily for the use of the civilian population in Bosnia, since military personnel did not have to pay for postage.

Most of the inhabitants how-

ever, were illiterate. The stamps, on the other hand, were issued by the K.u.K. army, the command language of which was German, which, in turn, was barely understood by many of the troops. Besides, Hungarians would undoubtedly have protested against German language stamps. The solution—no language—was one of those compromises which a student of things Austrian occasionally has the opportunity of enjoying.

Because the first issue was lithographed and because it was not printed in the usual place, little documentation about this issue is available. It is known that it was meant as a provisional issue only.

In typically Austrian fashion this provisional lithographed issue was used until 1894, and the same design, obviously taken from the original die, was typographed and used until the currency reform necessitated new stamps (1900). Even then the design was used again with only the value indications moved from the top to the bottom of the stamps.

For the specialist the first issue (lithographed) is of particular interest. The fact that it was lithographed makes it possible to plate many stones used in the course of the fifteen years of their validity. To the writer's knowledge, this was done by the late great English philatelist, W. H. Milnes Marsden in England, who, in 1921, was the first to prove that this issue was indeed lithographed.

His work was supplemented and continued by John F. Connor of New York, a member of the Austria Philatelic Society, partly in collaboration with Mr. Marsden. Unfortunately, little has been published about this work in philatelic literature.

A great variety of perforations is known in this issue. The earliest printings were perforated on old sheet perforating machines on which the teeth were loose, resulting in uneven perforations that produced wavy instead of straight lines. These highly irregular perforations are rather rare. Perforations range all the way from 9 1/2 to 13 1/2 with a great number of mixed perforations.

Then there are also a great many colors and shades, which only Gibbons of all the general catalogs tries to group (together with perforation varieties). Still, the specialist will not be satisfied with this listing, nor with the pricing in Gibbons, and will have to use Pirucnik as a yardstick.

Cancellations on the first issue form another interesting collection. During the military operations the fieldpost had maintained mobile post offices named Feldpostexpositur and Etappenpostant. As of November 16, 1879, 3 1/2 months after the introduction of the Bosnian stamps, all post offices in Bosnia and Herzegovina were transformed into stationary military post offices (K.K. Militar Postamt).

With military mail postage free, and in view of the very limited civilian demand, Feldpostexpositur and Etappenpostant cancellations on stamps are quite rare

Postal History Group
Organized In Israel

As a result of the interest and initiative of a number of advanced stamp collectors in the country, the Israel Postal History Society has been founded in Tel Aviv. It has the objective of promoting serious philatelic research and study into the postal history of the new nation and surrounding Middle East area.

F. W. Pollack, editor of "The Holy Land Philatelist", is president of the new organization; Otto Hoffman is vice president. P. Kanner is secretary and L. Lapin treasurer. Veteran philatelist Dr. A. Ascher is honorary president.

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with two exceptions. The three post offices maintained by Austria in the Sanjak of Novi-Bazaar retained the name, Feldpostexpositur because the fieldpost organization was maintained in Turkish territory where Austria had only the right to maintain garrisons.

The other exception is the post office in Maglaj, where the cancellation "Etappenpostant No. 111" was used until 1887. It seems that it took no less than nine years before this mistake was noticed and something was done about it.

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Austria's 1867 Printing "Coarse And Fine" Beard Field For Specializing

Dr. Alexander Levine

The 1867 issue of Austria with its two principal printings popularly distinguished as "coarse beard" for the first, and "fine beard" for the second, is I feel, is one of the most interesting in existence and unfortunately is not collected to a sufficient degree. The stamps in many instances may be found at low cost and frequently in quantity, particularly the later printings.

With the large number of proofs in existence, the many covers obtainable and the quantity of associated material available, the collector searching for a specialized field should give serious consideration to the 1867 stamps.

Considerable detailed information is available concerning the fine and coarse beard issues, and more or less complete lists of perforation varieties, shades, cancellations, etc., are to be had for the collector deciding to concentrate on Austria 1867 as a specialty. A brief examination of the background of this emission is most interesting:



"Coarse" beard design left and the "Fine" right.

For some time prior to 1867, Hungary had been attempting to obtain the right to self government without success. Finally in that year, the right to become a self governing state within the Empire was granted. This included an independent postal system. As no facilities were available and considerable time was necessary for the creation of these, certain temporary arrangements were made.

It was agreed to issue a stamp suitable for both Austria and Hungary. The previous issue of 1863 was not to be used as it showed the word "Kreuzer" and the double eagle, both of which were Austrian and not Hungarian. The new stamp was to use the abbreviation "kr."

300 Dominican Sheets In Error

On July 18 the second of six scheduled Olympic commemorative sets of eight values was placed on sale to the general public at 8 a. m. in the main post office at Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic.

The distribution of miniature sheets, of which there were three varieties, differing only in the central symbol, was scheduled to begin at the same time, but they were not ready to be placed on sale until 2 p. m.

These miniature sheets consisted of all eight stamps arranged concentrically about a square, the sheet measuring 5 1/2" x 5 1/2". There were three different symbols imprinted, viz: the Olympic Gold Medal, the Olympic Flag and the Dominican Republic Flag. These sheets were issued both perforated and imperforate, making a total of six different sheets.

Local ground rules required the purchase of four complete sets of eight values of the regular and airmail issues, in order to be able to purchase two of the miniature sheets. Therefore, in order to qualify as a purchaser of the complete set of six sheets, the collector had to buy a minimum of twelve sets of the regular and airmail issues at a total cost of \$7.44. The six sheets would then have cost him an additional \$7.44, making a total investment of \$14.88.

At about 4 p. m., after these miniature sheets had been on sale about two hours, it was discovered by an official of the government, that the Dominican Republic's Flag has been printed with the colors reversed. At this point, the sale of the sheets was abruptly stopped. Orders already filled by the Philatelic Agency were opened and the misprinted sheets removed.

It is known that 210 sets of the Dominican Republic flag sheets perforated and imperforate were sold in the main post office, in very small quantities and mostly to collectors.

It is unofficially estimated that a total of 40 to 50 sets was sold by the Agency before the error was discovered. Therefore, the total number of sets of two sheets bearing the error is estimated at less than 300.

and the head of the Emperor Franz Josef. Stamps were to be produced in Vienna and supplied to Hungary. The die was engraved by Tautenhayn, the designer is not known. The emperor's head was copied from a photograph.

The first five values 2, 3, 5, 10 and 15Kr. were ordered May 25, and issued on June 1, 1867. The 25 and 50Kr. values were issued at a later date. These were primarily for use on money orders which were just being introduced. The series of stamps was valid in Hungary until June 30, 1871 when Hungary was able to produce its own stamps, and in Austria until October 31, 1884.

The manner of producing these stamps is the cause of many interesting and also perplexing problems. In the original printings there was an underlay of soft felt which served the purpose of making more prominent the center medallion showing the head of the emperor. The softness of the material permitted the paper which was also soft and coarse to take more ink and produce the so called coarse printings.

As time elapsed, the underlay became flatter and firmer. This coupled with the usage of a thinner, harder paper resulted in an entirely different type of printing which was sharper and clearer, with finer lines, and is the "fine beard" in contrast to the earlier stamps. However, there are so many variations in printing results, and also so many transitional stages, that it becomes a frequent problem to differentiate clearly the stages of printing. The stamps frequently give the impression of arising from entirely different plates, which is not so.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 400 with four panes of 100 each. Undivided sheets have never been discovered which makes the setting up of an entire sheet impossible to this date. Plating of the issue has been attempted by a number of collectors and thus far this has also not been successful.

There are many interesting facets to collecting this issue. The number of perforations that exist is quite large, as a result of the imperfect perforating machines. This necessitated the frequent switching of a sheet from one machine to another and caused combination perforations.

The pins in the machines frequently loosened causing many irregular and missed perforations. Originally the stamps were sheet perforations, but later many were line perforations. These vary in many combinations from 9 to 13. The first printings and most of the later sheets are 9 1/2 sheet perforations.

The rarest item in existence is

the 3Kr. color error resulting from the insertion of a 3Kr. cliché in a plate setting of the 5Kr. stamp. A number of sheets was issued before the error was discovered, but only about 6 copies of the 3Kr. red are known. These are all used and emanate from the southern district of Hungary. The known cancellations are Becskerek, Kecskemet, Detta and Brucknau. The date is probably 1867, late September and early October.

Actual plate flaws are very rare, and usually those thought to be flaws are merely the result of the many printing peculiarities. The paper varieties range from the early rough, thick, soft and uneven paper to the later thinner, finer and more brittle paper. The gum originally was yellowish and later became colorless.

The paper is watermarked with the word BRIEF-MARKEN across the sheet and many copies can be found with an entire letter of the watermark on it. In 1883 the lettering of the watermark was altered somewhat, and such stamps are much more difficult to find.

In the early printings, there is a great variety of color shades found, but it is not possible to place definite dates of production with the shades. As time went on and the printing became finer, the shade variations also became less marked and an even appearance was attained.

The only value to have more than one specific type is the 5Kr. Over 1 1/4 billion copies were printed. The frequent usage of the master die finally necessitated the production of a new die in 1872. The ornaments in the lower corners are different and the position of the figure "5" is altered slightly.

In Type one, variations also appear in the emperor's ear. Originally this was perfect but later from the early 1870's, the dividing line

of the ear is interrupted and also a color spot is frequently found connecting the lines of the ear. These probably resulted from the improper cleansing of a dirty plate.

Multiple pieces of the early printings are not common and some are extremely rare. Remnants of the issue consisting of later printings were available at the post office for some time and sheets of 100 of the "fine beard" are occasionally seen.

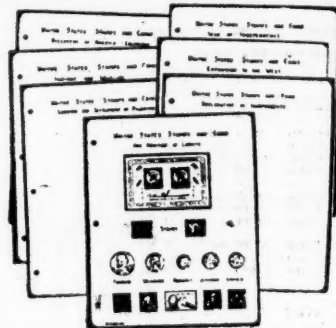
The 25 and 50Kr. were used mostly on money orders. Postally used on cover they are uncommon, having served usually on heavy registered mail to foreign countries. The lower values on cover are quite common. Some stationery cutouts were used for franking — this was unofficial but evidently not noticed in some cases. Only the 5Kr. is known with this usage.

Bisects of the 2Kr. are known with two other copies to make a 5Kr. franking. Other bisects are probably not genuine. Forgeries have been mentioned by some authorities but are extremely rare. However, forged cancellations are much more common and must be carefully watched for.

The number of cancellations on this issue is tremendous and offers a fertile field for the interested collector. There are about 20,000 different in existence. Tracing the development of the various types of cancellations is an interesting sideline, particularly with the many postmasters' cancels which are in existence.

For the Levant offices the same design was used, with one exception. Instead of "kr." these stamps had "sld." (sold) inscribed. They were not available until the end of June 1867, rather than June 1. Basically the characteristics of the Austrian stamps hold true for the Levant issues, and the problems of dividing the fine from the coarse printing remain the same.

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Covers for the first flight must reach Houston not later than September 4. Covers already postmarked or articles mailed in the usual manner will not receive a cachet.

American Artist Does New Belgian Stamp

To mark the fourth biennial exhibition of sculpture at Anvers, Belgium May 25-September 15, the government released, August 20, a commemorative stamp of 2.50 francs value.



The subject of the new adhesive is the "Kneeling Woman" statue by Wilhelm Lehmbruck (1881-1919) who is regarded as perhaps Germany's greatest sculptor of his era. The original is in Stuttgart, Germany; a bronze copy is in the New York Museum of Modern Art. The stamp was designed by Jean Van Noten of Winter Park, Fla. and Brussels, Belgium; engraving was by the Malvaux firm of Brussels. Printing in sheets of 50 was by heliogravure.

Israel-Palestine Meeting In Hollywood

The Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society of Los Angeles, a unit of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs, will hold its next meeting August 25 at the Haverthorn House of Hollywood's Temple Beth El, at 1 p.m.

Guest speaker will be D. Day who will exhibit and discuss the first airmail issues of Israel.

Various important subjects of interest to all will be discussed, and a trading session will be held.



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Are current stamp prices too high?

Judging from our mail, some collectors seem to think so and as far as some of the more speculative fields are concerned, only time will tell whether they are right. As far as the general run of the issues of the European countries and their colonies, of Latin America and of the independent Asian and African states is concerned, prices seem to us to be surprisingly low.

It is no exaggeration to say that American collectors today are buying foreign stamps at prices that are probably the lowest in the world. This may seem to be a rather sweeping statement, but dealers in the know, especially those with contacts abroad, are well aware that the grave current shortage of medium and better-grade material surpasses anything within memory.

Certainly there is always plenty of common material around, although the large approval dealers also report being hard-pressed for good buys in cheap, colorful issues suitable for their particular type of operation. Trying to find anything the least bit out of the ordinary in quantity is "like pulling teeth" nowadays.

The stocks of the handful of real wholesale dealers in world-wide issues here and abroad seem to have reached near rock-bottom, with only new and recent arrivals still plentiful. Retailers find that many items which they have sold out either can not be replaced at all or can be restocked only at higher cost than that which they had just charged their collector customers!

Continental dealers who years ago were anxious to sell the very cream of their stocks to get some of our greenbacks now employ agents to buy material in this country at full retail prices which very often are lower than European wholesale prices!

Foreign sets that once upon a time could be purchased in full sheets must now be painstakingly picked up in two's or three's, here and there. The dealer who continues to sell his better modern foreign material at "half catalogue" at a time when Scott's quotations are often a year or two behind the actual market will be in for a rude awakening when he tries to replace it.

This is especially true of all the more difficult topical issues which seem sure to double and triple in value over the next few years. In view of our "creeping inflation" here and market conditions abroad, it appears to your columnists that better foreign postage stamps are largely underpriced in this country at the present time.

What about the market picture as far as British Commonwealth issues are concerned? The situation is not quite so drastic because of the number of old-established London firms which have built their Colonial stocks for generations. Even so, while you can still pick up suitcases full of certain mint King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II material, the going gets tougher when you start looking for better-grade items and earlier material.

Should the economic outlook in Great Britain improve perceptibly so that the ordinary English collector can afford to buy the stamps he needs and wants, then we may look for a decided upturn in the price picture for British Colonials of all periods.

It is, after all, the new purchasing power of the millions of German, Italian, and other continental collectors which is primarily responsible for the ever increasing shortage of material and the resulting steadily rising prices.

Here is an intriguing mystery: the release of the three additional Ghana Independence overprints on QEII Gold Coast pictorials which were supposed to appear June 6 to replace the Prime Minister Nkrumah portrait stamps, was indefinitely postponed by the new country's postal authorities. But mixtures of common Ghana stamps have yielded commercially used copies of these supposedly unissued 2d, 2½d and 4d provisionals!

The earliest dates so far found were late May and the cities concerned Bonni, Sekondi and Nkwana. Recent Ghana covers that come your way should therefore be examined with care, they may turn out to be quite valuable. Of course, the future of these provisional stamps, cancelled or uncanceled, hinges entirely on what will

be done by Ghana.

Should they be released generally, as seems likely, then such covers or early postmarks will have a certain curiosity value, but that's all. If the authorities should decide not to release the three added provisionals, the copies that have slipped out, mint or used, could become collector's items.

Stamps are big business, as if you didn't know. The London Crown Agents who serve dealers exclusively sold 18 million stamps during 1956 to the tune of \$1,167,000. Of this total, \$336,000 worth went to U.S. and Canadian professionals. North America's 1956 purchases therefore had a retail value of roughly half a million dollars. What was your share of this total? Shame on you, is that all you spent?

Jordan has ordered a set commemorating the withdrawal of the last British troops from their three remaining bases at Amman, Mafrag and Aquaba. And where was this printing order placed? You're right, in Britain!

Unofficial estimates place the figures issued of the Bermuda "Ocean Yacht Race" overprints at 601,000 of the 8d and 286,550 of the 1/3.

It is considered a certainty that Canada will release a Royal Visit stamp this fall when Queen Elizabeth will pay the Dominion a visit.

Collectors and dealers who are doing business with their counterparts in India are advised to be careful, as the import of stamps into India has been completely banned and scores of letters and packages containing such "contraband" have already been impounded.

The reason for this drastic measure is that India suffers from a severe shortage of foreign currencies (her imports by far exceed her exports) and that stamps are apparently considered a frivolous luxury.

Hitherto, Indian dealers and collectors have been remitting funds abroad by various means, some legal and some not so legal, and apparently the authorities are determined to stop this trickle. Somehow, this all seems rather petty for a huge sub-continent like India with its enormous population and its insistence on what it believes to be its proper place of importance in world affairs.

Amongst life's smaller blessings is the fact that Scott lists only the denominations up to 5 Pounds of the present New Zealand Postal-Fiscal stamps of the Coat-of-Arms type, thus following the lead of the English Gibbons catalogue.

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Austrian Postal Bus Service Publicized With Commem On Completion Of Fifty Years

On June 14 Austria issued a commemorative for the 50th anniversary of the Austrian Postal Bus Service. This item had a lot of general appeal among stamp collectors for in many other nations this same type service exists. It is just a bit different in the United States where the vehicles are devoted solely to the carrying and sorting of mail and do not carry paying passengers. The stamp was a reasonably attractive one produced from engraved plates. The design was in a dark gray which was printed on a yellow-toned paper.

It has a value of 1 Schilling. Its postal usage was on all kinds of mail — the production was 2,000,000 copies. Hans Rangoni was the designer and engraver.

About the year 1900, an automobile was still considered a risky affair. Thus, it was the armed forces that initiated the use of motor vehicles in Austria for the transportation of letters, parcels, and passengers in connection with the "Royal and Imperial Military Post" in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As this new means of conveyance proved satisfactory, motor vehicles began to receive more and more attention. Both the Ministry of Commerce and the Postal and Telegraph Administration — Dr. Friedrich R. Wagner von Jauregg, who took a keen interest in motorization, had been the head of the latter Administration since 1906 — began to consider plans for the introduction of this service.

In July 1907 they decided to open a motor route between Neumarkt and Predazzo in South Tyrol. At that time, Tyrol was already a center of tourism and maintained a great number of post-chaise lines. Therefore it was only natural to set up an experimental motor route in this area. Preliminary discussions were held on July 6, 1907 between Dr. Wresounig, postal commissioner, Count Ceschi, provincial councillor of Tyrol, and Dr. Albert von Trentini, the official in charge of traffic affairs. This coincided with the beginning of the tourist season and services were already operating on many postal routes in Tyrol by July 1.

After intensive preparation, production of the necessary vehicles in a record time of eight weeks, and several trial runs, the route was opened on August 6, 1907.

In two festively decorated Daimler omnibuses — 17-seat open vehicles with a rigid roof — the inaugural trip proved "most enjoyable". Among the guests there were Hofrat Hofer of the Ministry of Commerce and the head of the Royal and Imperial PTT Directorate of Innsbruck, Hofrat Dr. Trnka. Director General Dr. Wagner-Jauregg, who had inspected the route the day before by car, welcomed the guests and invited them to a banquet.

In addition to the two Daimler omnibuses used for the initial run, a freight-van was put into service the following day. The demands on the vehicles in respect of operational safety and reliability were very high on this particular route. Extending over 38 kilometres, there was a difference in elevation of 600 metres on every 13 kilometres, the maximum gradient being 10 per cent. This accounts for the time the Daimler vehicles took to cover the route — in level sections they "easily reached a speed of 22 kilometres an hour".

According to the winter Postal Schedule, the outward journey was supposed to take 4 hours 30 minutes including several stops, among others a 20-minute stop at Cavalese, whereas only 3 hours 10 minutes were required for the return journey, the Cavalese stop being reduced in this case to 10 minutes. The gradient played a very important part — the journey down was much quicker! Nevertheless, this was a considerable advance on the "messagerie" system. In summer 1907, the stage-coach still took 5 hours 30 minutes to Predazzo, or 5 hours 10 minutes in the reverse direction.

The duration of the run was further reduced later on. In summer 1911, for instance, it was only 3 hours 45 minutes on the outward and 3 hours on the return journey. That the Neumarkt-Predazzo route

importance in connection with tourism in Austria. That the Postal Administration in the days of the First Republic was alive to the situation is shown by the use of caterpillar vehicles with sledge-runners during the winter season; this was in line with the general effort to facilitate access to the skiing areas, especially the Arlberg. As far as tourism is concerned, the Neumarkt - Predazzo undertaking may therefore be considered a significant beginning.

Motorization of postal passenger transport went on at a rapid pace, which is demonstrated by the following figures. There were 7 postal bus lines in 1908 as compared with 19 lines operated in 1909; 24 lines in 1910; 31 lines in 1912; and as many as 37 lines with 116 buses in 1914.

The first World War stopped this development abruptly, but immediately after the end of the war, and concurrently with the consolidation of conditions, the Post Office proceeded to reconstruct its bus services. Thanks to these efforts, 232 postal bus lines were in operation by the year 1932.

Once again development was obstructed, this time by the World War II. In May 1945, service could be resumed merely on 16 postal bus routes, the total route length in one direction approximating 480 kilometres.

What followed now was a difficult period characterized by concentrated efforts to rehabilitate the postal bus system of the Austrian PTT, a task to which the postal bus personnel devoted itself unreservedly, performing real wonders of improvisation and zeal under adverse conditions. This facilitated the recovery of the national economy by securing means of communication for the regions not covered by the railway network.

Thanks to this initiative and effort, the postal bus system developed into the biggest road operator of Austria, without which public traffic would be unthinkable. In the interest of national economy as a whole, it renders valuable services to industry, commerce, and tourism and also furthers cultural purposes.

As of December 31, 1956 the postal bus service had carried 57 million persons over approximately 500 postal bus routes with a one-way route length of 17,000 kilometres. The total route length covered by the fleet of some 1670 buses was 38 million kilometres. The revenues approximated 191.1 million Austrian schillings, of which 13.5 million schillings alone were derived from the transportation of workers, effected at a 50 per cent reduction, while about 6.7 million schillings came from the transportation of students, effected at a 75 per cent reduction. Thus, indirect subsidies amounting to about 33 million schillings were granted in connection with the transportation, at a reduced rate, of workers and students.

Finally, a comparison with the figures of 1936 should illustrate the tremendous accomplishments of the postal bus system as well as its increased importance. Compared with the year 1936, there exist now approximately 2.9 times more postal bus lines and 3.7 times more buses. The number of kilometres covered has gone up by the factor of 4.6, 18 times more passengers are carried, and the revenues are 35 times those of 1936. The fares, however, were only increased by the factor of 2.6.

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AUSTRIA FIRST ISSUE
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100 Centesimi). Thus 1 Kreuzer equals 5 Centes; 1 Gulden equals 3 Lira equals 300 Centes. The Italian silver currency was at a premium over the Austrian paper currency and this resulted in fluctuations of the exchange rate which made accounting matters rather complicated. To avoid difficulties, it was decided to create two distinct sets of stamps, one in "Kreuzer" and one in "Centesimi" denominations.

On February 5, 1850, the Austrian State Printing Works were ordered to produce the stamps of the definitive design in the following denominations and quantities:

1 Kreuzer	500,000
2 "	1,000,000
3 "	5,000,000
6 "	8,000,000
12 "	1,000,000
5 Centes	100,000
10 "	100,000
15 "	1,500,000
30 "	1,500,000
60 "	500,000

The delivery to the Comptroller of the Post was to be made in sheets, each of which was subdivided into four panes of sixty stamps. Consequently, a pane of 1 Kreuzer stamps had a value of 1 Gulden, that of 2 Kreuzer stamps a value of 2 Gulden, and so on. (Correspondingly, a pane of 5 Centes stamps cost 3 Lira or 1 Gulden).

At the time when the stamps were being printed, in the Spring of 1850, a Postal Union was being concluded between Austria, Bavaria and Prussia. This postal treaty established the following rates for one unit of weight (equal to about 1/2 ounce):

Printed Matter	1	Kr. Cts.
Local letters	2	10
Letters to 45 mi.	3	15
Letters 45-90 mi.	6	30
Letters over 90 mi.	9	45
Registration fee	6	30

(and the same was charge for a return receipt)

As a consequence of the treaty, the rate for domestic letters carried over 90 miles was reduced from 12 Kreuzer (60 Centes) to 9 Kreuzer (45 Centes). This change rendered the 12-Kreuzer and 60 Centes values useless. On March 26, 1850, the State Printing Works was instructed to produce 8,000,000 copies of the 9-Kreuzer and 1,500,000 of the 45 Centes. Early in June 1850 they were directed to destroy all stocks already printed of the 12-Kreuzer and 60 Centes stamps. In a report to the Postal Administration, the State Printing Works confirmed having executed this order. Of the 60 Centes not a single copy has hitherto been found. Some copies of the 12-Kreuzer value were preserved for the official files. A few of these, all but one cancelled by "FRANCO", were lifted from the archives and they are presently in various collections.

The stamps were officially issued on June 1, 1850, remained in use until December 31, 1858, and when they were demonetized the entire remainders of all value were officially destroyed.

At this point it would seem opportune to say a few words about the K. K. Hof und Staats Druckerei (the Imperial and Royal Court and State Printing Works, or briefly, State Printing Works). It was founded in 1804 primarily to provide officials forms and documents, that is to say, printed material required by the Government. It is an institution similar in nature to our Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington.

From a modest beginning the State Printing Works quickly expanded and by 1850, when the first stamps were manufactured, had close to 870 employees and workers. From 1840 to 1867 its director was Alois Auer, an expert of great repute, (this name may strike a familiar note with some of you. His son, Karl Auer, was the inventor of the Auer Gas Burner; his portrait can be found on Austria, Scott No. B149).

The State Printing Works is still in existence and highly esteemed for the work it performs. Since 1850 it has been producing all stamps for Austria in addition to those for a number of other countries like Albania, Bulgaria and Turkey.

The design of the stamps of this issue did not appeal to either the public or the authorities, who considered it a provisional one. Efforts were being made all the time to withdraw and replace it by a definitive series, and several new designs were submitted by the State Printing Works, some of them of great artistic value like those of 1853 and 1854.

These sets were designed by Leander Russ and engraved by Carl Kotterba, both of whom were prominent artists of the time. The 1853 essays were of circular design; those of 1854 were rectangular. They consisted of a set of five Kreuzer values, 1, 2, 3, 6 and 9. They are beautifully engraved

and printed in black on thick white paper. In spite of the very attractive designs they were not adopted for postage stamps.

The printing was by typography, that is to say on a letter press, from plate settings composed of individual cliches. These cliches were stereotypes at first and electrotypes later on. To obtain the required number of cliches for a plate setting, the State Printing Works proceeded as follows:

The design was engraved into a steel die which had no indication of value and from which was obtained a copper matrix (first matrix). This was used to obtain ten negative dies (first cliches) still without indication of value. Into their empty value tablets were now permanently inserted the proper value indication: 1Kr. 2Kr., 3Kr., 6Kr., and 12Kr. for the Austrian set and 5C, 10C, 15C, 30C and 60C for the Lombardy-Venetia set. These first cliches or working dies in turn furnished the second matrices from which were cast the 240 second cliches (stereotypes or electrotypes) for the composition of the printing plates (plate settings). Whenever a new second matrix was needed, recourse was taken to the corresponding first cliche in order to obtain it.

The process just described applies only to the first four values in Type I of each set. The two highest values in Type I, the 9Kr. and 45C. stamps, were produced in a different way, as will be explained later.

The stereotypes, which probably were mounted on wooden blocks about two inches high, were assembled into a printing plate which consisted of four panes. Each pane held 64 subjects, arranged in eight rows of eight. Sixty spaces were filled by stereotypes showing the design of the stamp; the remaining four were occupied by St. Andrew's Crosses.

The stereotypes were of ordinary type metal, an alloy consisting of 80% lead and 20% antimony. They were not capable of withstanding the heavy printings to which they were subjected. Their relative softness also contributed to a deterioration of the fineness of the impressions and the occurrence of plate flaws.

It is of importance to point out that plate settings, composed of individual stereo- or electrotypes were employed in producing these stamps rather than plates of a fixed indivisible unit such as are used in the manufacture of engraved or lithographed stamps. Thus, these settings could have been taken apart at any time and re-assembled for another setting if necessary.

The existence of damaged stereotypes in the settings did not escape the attention of the State Printing Works, which was endeavoring to improve the appearance of the stamps. Damaged stereotypes were being eliminated and substituted by perfect one. Occasionally, however, a number of printings were made from a defective cliche before it was detected and eliminated. We do find reference copies showing the damage in various stages and they enable us to determine the chronological order of printings made from the same setting. As there could have been several compositions of a setting due to replacements of cliches, the reconstruction of such plate settings poses a rather difficult task. To my knowledge it has not been achieved as yet, although several attempts have been made.

As a rule, one plate setting was composed of only one kind of type or sub-type of any given value. But due to replacements of cliches in the settings we encounter multiples composed of stamps of two different types (1Kr., 3Kr., 15 Centes.), of sub-types (2Kr., 10 Centes.).

Differences exist in the spacing between the stamps. In the early plate settings, which had consisted of Type I stereotypes, the spacing between the columns was 2 1/2 mm. in the settings composed of Type III subjects it increased to 3 1/4 mm. Correspondingly, the width of the gutter between the panes drops from 24 mm in the narrow settings to 15 mm in the wide settings employed for printings on hand-made paper and further to 12 mm for printings on machine-made paper.

We have already mentioned that the State Printing Works was endeavoring to enhance the appearance of the stamps. A general improvement was carried out early in 1852 by re-engraving the design. No official record was found that would throw light on the method employed. It appears most likely, however, that one new cast (third matrix) was obtained from each of the ten working dies (first cliche), and its design re-engraving was done individually by hand on all ten matrices, and thus the results are not uniform. In respect to the dotted background, we find seven main types of re-engraving for the ten values.

How can we distinguish between stamps in Type I and Type III?

Stamps in Type I show the dots which form the background of the Coat of Arms to be of a fairly regular hexagonal form and quite evenly distributed; in Type III design the dots are irregularly distributed and their shape changed to lozenges. Further, the dots below the right claw of the eagle are joined in Type I and separated in Type II. The most striking feature of the Type III design is the separation of the band delimiting the Coat of Arms at the bottom. It forms two parallel lines in Type III, as against a solid line in Type I. Finally, another result of the re-engraving was the separation of the figure of value from the frame line above it.

It now remains for us to consider the method employed for the manufacture of the stereotypes needed for the printing of the 9Kr. and 45C. stamps in Type I. In this instance, no first cliches (working dies) existed from which to obtain the required stereotypes. Instead of producing them in the usual manner, stereotypes prepared for the printing of 6Kr. and 30C. stamps in Type I were converted by removing the original figure of value and inserting instead the new figure of value (9Kr. and 45C. respectively) in each of the 240 stereotypes, individually by hand. This resulted in numerous sub-types of either value, which we classify according to the different positions the figure of value occupies within the value tablet.

Finally, stamps in Type II should be mentioned. The 9Kr., 15C. and 45C. values are known to exist in Type II. Although their design shows most of the main characteristics of Type I stamps, it differs substantially as far as the position of the figure of value is concerned. This due to the fact that the usual 240 stereotypes required for the printing were obtained from second cliches in Type I which were converted by removing the old figure of value and soldering the new one in its place. A faultless second cliche (stereo) in Type I was used to produced the third matrices and from these were obtained the stereotypes (third cliches) required for the printing. Obviously, such settings produced but poor impressions, one of the distinguishing marks of stamps in Type II. The 9Kr. Type II stamps were derived from a second cliche of the 3Kr. Type I; the 15C. from a 10C. Type I; and the 45C. from a second cliche of the 30C. value in Type I.

The First Issue of Austria was printed on two distinct kinds of paper. Hand-made paper, first supplied by various private sources, was in use until 1854. From then on, printings were made on machine-made paper. Handmade paper had a sheet watermark consisting of four (4) capital letters "K K H M" in shaded script letters, about 1 1/2 inches high and about 2 1/2 inches wide, running vertically through the middle of the sheet, reading four (4), different ways, according to the way the paper was fed into the press. Differences in the thickness and the shape of the letters can be found. As a rule, only four or five stamps of each pane, located at the left or right of the gutter, shows parts of the watermark.

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CANADA. A miner working underground with a pneumatic drill is to be the design of the new "primary industry" stamp of Canada to be released September 5. The face value will be 5c and the color black.

A special commemorative stamp will be issued in honor of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip's visit to Canada in October.

DOMINICAN REP. On July 18 a set of eight triangular format stamps was released commemorating the winners of eight major events at the Melbourne Olympic Games held in Australia in last November. A description of each stamp follows: Regular postage: 1c brown, yellow and blue, Sweden, Lars Hall, pentathlon; 2c orange, blue and red, Australia, Betty Cuthbert, 100m and 200m dash; 3c blue, red and ultramarine, Norway, Egil Danielson, javelin; 5c olive, blue and red, France, Alain Mimoun, marathon; 7c red, brown and blue, New Zealand, Norman Read, 50km walk. Airmail: 11c green, blue, and red, U. S. A., Robert Morrow, 100m and 200m dash; 16c purple, red and blue, England, Chris Brasher, steeplechase; 17c chocolate, green, yellow and blue, Brazil, A. Ferreira Da Silva, hop-step-jump.

The set was also released in a small souvenir sheet which contains the eight stamps around a central label in three different designs—the Olympic Gold Medal, the Olympic flag, and the flag of the Dominican Republic. The sheets were issued both perforated and imperforate.

EGYPT. Sheppard's Hotel, burned down during the Cairo riots in 1952, and now rebuilt, is the design of a new 10mil violet stamp released July 20, the date of the reopening of this famous hostelry.

FINLAND. On September 5 three semipostals will be issued to raise funds for combating tuberculosis. The values will be: 30markka plus 5mk. blue; 20mk. plus 3mk. dark brown; and 10mk. plus 2mk. grayish violet. A reindeer, a lynx, and a wolverine, respectively, will be used for the designs.

FRANCE. The French public works, one of France's foremost industries, was honored by the issuance of a 30fr dark green, brown, and bistre brown stamp on June 20. It shows typical public works of France.

ITALY. To mark the birth of Antonio Canova, three commemorative stamps were issued on July 15. The values are: 25L. brown (cameo profile of Canova); 60L. (Hercules and Lica); and 80L. (Venus Victrix).

NETHERLANDS. A set of Red Cross stamps, commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Netherlands Red Cross, will be available (from August 10) to October 10. The designs and values are: 4c plus 3c (pelican with a whelp); 6c plus 4c (vacation vessel for the chronically sick and invalid); 7c plus 5c (emblem of the Red Cross Corps); and 10c plus 8c (red cross and globe).

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Four semipostals were issued August 6, in honor of the forthcoming Eighth Central American and Caribbean Football Championships held in Curacao. The values are: 6 cents plus 2 1/2c orange (man playing soccer); 7 1/2 plus 5c red (map of Central America); 15c plus 5c green (man jumping with soccer ball); and 22 1/2c plus 1 1/2c blue (three men playing soccer).

NORWAY. In honor of King Haakon's 85th birthday anniversary, two stamps were issued on August 3, a 35 ore red and a 65c. blue.

LOCAL PROVISIONALS

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the defunct leader of Germany, eventually insisted that his portrait on the face of these stamps be effectively obliterated and, thus, beginning June 4, 1945 these stamps had to be defaced. This was done individually by all post offices by the hand-application of a great va-

riety of blotches and ornaments.

In like vein, also, as of June 12, 1945 four denominations of German semipostal stamps which did not bear Hitler's image were surcharged and overprinted in a limited edition at the meantime restored state printery in Vienna.

On June 21, 1945 a series of new overprinted provisionals based on the same German Hitler-type stamps previously utilized, and featuring bars to obliterate Hitler's portrait, was issued in Vienna. Finally, on June 25, 1945, two higher values of the same basic issue got into circulation, intended for the projected extension of service to include special delivery and registration fees.

However, all the mentioned Austrian postage stamps were invalidated as of June 27, 1945 (except for the surcharged semipostals that became obsolete July 2) prior to the reinstatement of extended postal service. As of July 3, 1945 the first values of postage stamps, printed in and for Austria, came on sale in Vienna.

Meantime, in the city of Graz, capital of the Austrian province of Styria, no less than 23 values of German Hitler-type stamps had been overprinted in a different design by private printshops and were officially issued May 28, 1945. Invalidation of these postage stamps on July 2, 1945 coincided with the transferral of Styria from the Russian to the British occupation zone. Also, the county of Scheibbs located in the Province of Lower Austria in the Russian zone issued three values of German Hitler stamps on May 28, 1945 and withdrew on about July 3.

Regular postal service in the American zone was established July 4, 1945; in the British zone July 16, and in the French zone, July 30. As of September 1, 1945 interzonal service between these three zones became available but not until October did it encompass all of Austria.

Provisional postage stamps were printed in Washington, D. C. in 17 denominations for use in the American, British and French zones and distributed to post offices within that orbit. This issue, at times referred to as the A.M.G. (Allied Military Government) issue, initiated the return from the usage of German currency to the pre-German Austrian coinage.

Because of the irregular and at times even chaotic condition of communications prevailing in Austria after the cessation of hostilities, substantial sectors within the Russian zones of occupation had only scant knowledge of events in Vienna. They had no ready access to the provisional postage stamps then emanating from the capital city.

In numerous instances, and less frequently outside the Russian zone, a very limited mail service was supplied throughout the period by the device of payment of postage in cash. This would be annotated by the postmaster on the mailing matter itself by ink, indelible pencil or rubber-stamp. These modern types of stampless covers constitute interesting items for the student of postal history.

In their endeavor to supply more regular and orderly postal service to their constituents, quite a few local governments on the county level — or even on the municipal plane — proceeded to adapt available German stamps, almost exclusively of the Hitler-types, as best they could for issuance to the public.

A number of provincial postmasters inscribed on the face of such stamps at various and varying angles the names of their reestablished country by pen and ink or indelible pencil. Sometimes they thoughtfully obliterated the imprinted name of the original issuing country and affixed their signatures on the stamp or next to it on the mailing matter. Frequently, however, they neglected to do this.

By such means numerous Austrian local emergency issues were created which may be labeled "Postmaster Provisionals". Many more localities in the Russian zone, but only a handful in the other zones, proceeded to issue similar Locals, "naturalized" by a large variety of overprints affixed by rubberstamp or similar devices on individual stamps by hand.

Finally, a limited number of local issues emerged with printed overprints applied to entire sheets of German stamps in local printeries.

However, of the numerous local provisional issues of 1945 that were channeled through the stamp trade at one time or another, significantly few actually represent emergency emissions produced for legitimate postal purposes. Although favor cancellations abound, a majority of the labels was never intended and accepted for the payment of postage.

Also, a good many were "issued" without proper authority by ad hoc organized so-called liberation committees and other private groups and sold to collectors or through the trade at or above face value. The proceeds went to various com-

munity purposes — or simply into the wallets of the issuers.

To make matters worse still, numerous individuals or groups, both inside and outside of the narrow confines of Austria, acquired for a pittance substantial quantities of obsolete German stamps of the preceding period, and had them fraudulently overprinted. They then disposed of these counterfeits at shamelessly high prices through glib or unscrupulous wholesalers, largely abroad.

A few stamp catalogs, notably the Swiss Zumstein and the German Michel, aware of the danger inherent in the mass circulation of such spurious labels to the cause of philately, began soon to classify the Austrian locals under various headings in order to separate the counterfeits from legitimate issues. But thereafter, the infamous manipulators devised new names for the purported origins of the stigmatized labels by advertising that they emanated from some less known locality and in some known instances even invented names of municipalities that never existed in Austria or, for that matter, anywhere else either!

Furthermore, even among the legitimately issued true emergency Locals that were originally issued in very small quantities, frequently less than 100 stamps, there exist few, if any, where the paraphernalia used in the overprinting process were locked away or destroyed in time. Thus, more often than not, literally uncounted numbers were later re-issued to the stamp-trade by local instrumentalities or by private interests.

Instances are known too where local overprints have been later applied to types or denominations of German stamps which were at no time officially brought out. These practices make the value of unused Local stamps highly questionable.

For a consideration postal clerks were known to manipulate their cancellers back to appropriate dates and to apply apparently genuine and timely cancellations to such later reprints.

The stamp collector, object of so much attention bestowed on him by unscrupulous authorities and by organized swindlers, has one weapon with which to fight back and thwart the unconscionable profiteers: knowledge.

The Austria Philatelic Society has among its members a goodly number of specialized collectors who, over the years, have amassed a wealth of information in their respective fields which they are pleased to share with fellow members and with collectors at large.

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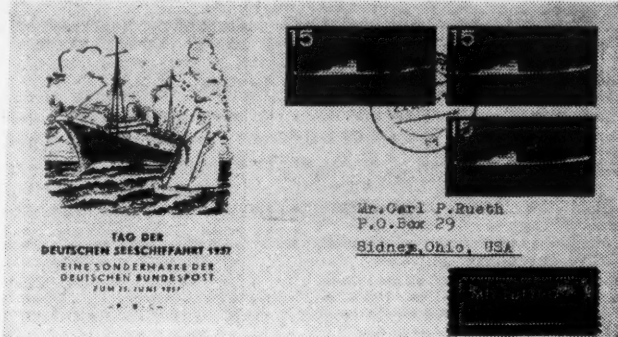
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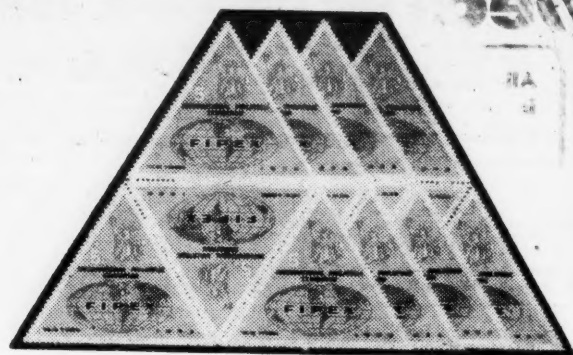
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Matthew Bennett is relocating from the Mid-West to #3628 Columbus Drive, Baltimore 15, Md., and will be set up there after September 1. He is now in his third year of conducting philatelic mail auctions and promises that his 20th mail sale will appear in the September 29 issue of Linn's. It will feature general U. S. and foreign, and unaddressed UN cacheted FD covers.

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Richard M. Needham, operator of the Mahdeen Cover Service, Lancaster, Ohio specialists in Masonic philatelic material, reports that all is going to be very quiet on the Lancaster front September 7-23. The Needhams are taking a Florida vacation, and during that time of course no business mail will be received by them, or answered. "Back on the job September 23," is the promise.



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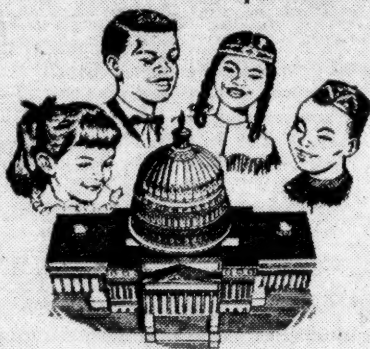
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"Are you kidding!" said Miss Frump. "All it shows from where I sit is nine frousy-looking stamps. There isn't a single decent philatelic specimen in the whole—"

"Depends on the point of view," I said. "This is a **Seller's Guide**. Naturally, if you're buying stamps, you use a **Buyer's Guide**."

"I don't read you," said Miss Frump.

"Well, take that fellow who was just in here looking for a well-centered copy of the new U. S. flag stamp. I showed him 87 different copies but he got out his calipers and measured the margins and they were all just a bit off-center."

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CHECK THESE \$\$\$-SAVING SPECIALS

CANADA 300 different	\$15.95
LAOS 25 different	\$1.35
KOREA 25 diff., cat. \$7.00 plus	75c
100 diff.	\$6.95
LIBERIA 100 diff.	\$5.25
POLAND	
800 diff., incl. many complete sets, tremendous cat. val.	\$17.95
NEW ZEALAND 200 diff.	\$8.95
PANAMA 200 diff.	\$15.95
300 diff.	\$32.50
POLAND 400 diff.	\$4.95
RUSSIA 300 diff., all Commems	\$8.25
SWITZERLAND 100 diff. semi-postals	\$4.25
VENEZUELA 300 diff.	\$12.50

FREE BONUS

With every order of \$10 or more, we will include either (1) a fine used copy of Egypt #338 - cat., \$1.25 or (2) the new Laos "rice cultivation" set of four values — wholesale, 65c; or (3) the Israel Defense set of 3 values, retail 85c to \$1.10. State your preference. We may run out of one item or another, but we'll allow you a choice as long as we can.

OUR REFUND GUARANTEE

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with any lot advertised in this sale, return it intact and I not only will refund your money in full but will send you \$1 additional for postage and your trouble.

NOTE: Our stock of all advertised items (including the free bonus), while presumably ample, is naturally not inexhaustible. If we are swamped with orders as we have been in the past, we're going to have to make some refunds—which is as frustrating to us as it is disappointing to you. All orders are subject to prior sale, so avoid disappointment by getting your order in early.



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